

Public Information Statement  
National Weather Service Albany, NY  
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The National Weather Service (NWS) Albany, NY has declared March 16 through March 20 as Flood Safety Awareness Week. Each day during the awareness week will feature information about a different flood related topic.

**Flood Safety:** Nearly every day, flooding happens somewhere in the United States or its territories. Flooding can occur in any of the fifty states or U.S. territories at any time of the year. It causes more damage in the United States than any other weather related event. On average, floods cause eight billion dollars in damages and eighty nine fatalities annually. More than half of these deaths are the result of driving into flood waters. Being prepared and knowing how to stay safe will help you and your loved ones survive a flood. Stay safe during a flood by being prepared in advance. Be a Force of Nature!  
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